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I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, claims 33, 35, 36, 45, 47, 48, 52 and 53 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 6-14, 16-18, 20-29, 31-33, 35-39, 41-45 and 47-53 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 1-3, 6-14, 16-18, 20-29, 31, 32, 37-39, 41-44 and 49-51 are allowed.

III. Examiner Interview

Reference is hereby made to a telephone interview between Applicants' attorney Victor G. Cooper, and Examiner Ngo in connection with the present patent application on October 19, 2006, in which amendments to claims 33 and 45 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 were discussed. The amendments discussed are presented in this Amendment.

IV. Claim Amendments

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101. While the Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection, the Applicants have amended the claims in order to expedite allowance and in anticipation of presenting additional continuing applications directed to unclaimed subject matter.

V. Office Action Subject Matter Rejection

In paragraph 3, the Office Action rejects claims 33, 34-36, 45, 47, 48, 52 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Applicants have amended the rejected claims to render them in statutory form.

Applicants believe that the claims now describe statutory subject matter. Should issues still remain in this regard, the Applicants requests that the Examiner indicate how the rejection can be overcome and how problems may be resolved, in accordance with the directives of the Examination

Guidelines for Computer-Related Inventions. See Guidelines II M.P.E.P. § 2106. Specifically, should it be necessary, the Applicants request that the Examiner identify features of the invention that would render the claimed subject matter statutory if recited in the claim. See Guidelines IV, M.P.E.P. § 2106.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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